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6/8/2020

Adult State Program Standing Committee Minutes

FINAL

Present

Members: ☒ Bert Dyer ☒ Malaika Puffer (chair) ☒ Ward Nial (voted today) ☒ Kate Hunt (voted May)
☐ Marla Simpson (ex) ☐ Thelma Stoudt (ex) ☐ Dan Towle (ex) ☐ Vicki Warfield (ex)

DMH Staff: ☒ Eva Dayon ☒ Dr. Trish Singer ☒ Dr. Tom Weigel ☒ Jessica Bernard ☒ Alison Krompf

Public: ☒ Lynne Cardodzo ☒ Greg Burda ☐ Joanna Cole ☐ Beatrice Birch

Agenda

- 12:00 – 12:15 **SPSC Business:** *Confirm if meeting is being recorded (repeat with all who join), Introductions & Review agenda, Vote on May minutes, Membership Update*
- 12:15 - 12:50 **DMH Update**
- 12:50 – 1:00 **BREAK**
- 1:00 - 2:00 **Overview of Payment Reform, How ANSA and Suicide Prevention fit in, led by Alison Krompf, Director of Quality at DMH**
- 2:00-2:45 **SPSC Business (Continued)** *Letter to DMH Re: Responsibilities of the Committee, Statutory changes, Listening Session Next Steps, Membership Discussion: (Membership Subcommittee Process, Three members from one organization)*
- 2:45 - 2:55 **Public Comment**
- 2:55 - 3:00 **July Agenda**

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Agenda Item	Discussion
Opening Business	<p>Discussion to answer general questions from members of the public.</p> <p>SPSC Members requested that DMH write minutes for now. DMH agreed.</p> <p><u>VOTE:</u> To approve new potential member Ward Nial. Unanimous approval, no abstentions.</p> <p><u>VOTE:</u> On approval of May minutes deferred to July meeting.</p>
<p>Impromptu DMH Update</p> <p>By DMH Medical Director Dr. Tom Weigel</p>	<p>SPSC members note that this update did not happen at the scheduled time in the agenda and the confusion about which member of DMH leadership would attend caused disruption in the meeting flow.</p> <p>DMH Update from Dr. Tom Weigel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More access and use of telehealth according to Department of Vermont Health Access (Medicaid reporting department in Vermont) • No increase in Vermonters dying by suicide this year. Increased use of VT crisis text line. • Continuing to pay agencies prospectively to keep agencies supported financially. • Windham Center getting set up as a COVID-19 positive inpatient unit. Contract is now signed work is being done to update 10-bed facility so that it will be ready to open soon. • Brattleboro Retreat- strain on agency from capacity and staffing. DMH in communication to help. Presenting an action plan to legislature to modify what they do to be financially viable in the future. • Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence (MTCR)- were moved temporarily to Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital. Youth from Woodside were temporarily relocated to MTCR. While youth were there some damages occurred, which are being fixed. There are also water quality issues that need to be fixed. Ongoing design work for potential future facility is happening. Dr. Tom is attending a meeting regarding this work today and will request for a new meeting time that would allow these members to be present.
SPSC Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPSC Members stated their preference that funding go into prevention and community resources instead of any new inpatient or secure residential beds. • SPSC Members encouraged a continued focus on testing for COVID-19 in inpatient units.

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Recommendations	
Overview of Payment Reform Alison Krompf, DMH Director of Quality	<p>Overview of Payment Reform Discussed. The PowerPoint will be posted with these minutes to the website.</p> <p>Discussion about content in presentation. Use of standardized tools and why ANSA was chosen.</p> <p>Deferring conversation about suicide prevention to a future meeting. Alison will be invited back for that.</p>
SPSC Member Business Continued	<p>Listening Session Update – want to hear from patients on units, unit staff, family shared call. Instead having video conference calls with individuals on units who opt in. Survey with family members and staff.</p> <p>Defer other topics for a future meeting.</p> <p>Questions for DMH- Any updates?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash on hand at hospitals? • Statutory changes? • Racism- relationships between designated hospitals and police?
Public Comment	<p>Interest from member of the public in becoming an SPSC member.</p> <p>Request from member of public to be able to speak to guests presenters when they are here. Question for Dr. Weigel- what accommodations for physical distancing are being offered to people with mental and physical disabilities within and beyond congregate settings?</p>
Closing Meeting Business	<p><u>Future agenda topic:</u> to have information about the history of the committee history and its main tasks and current main tasks. Ties into pending letters.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 2:56pm.</p>